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Laotian Rock Rat

Laonastes aenigmamus

The Laotian Rock Rat is a rare rodent native to the rocky limestone outcrops of central Laos. Characterized by its long, bushy tail, pointed snout, and soft grayish fur, this elusive nocturnal mammal...

Quick facts

Classification: Mammal

Family: Diatomyidae

Habitat: Limestone karst forests

Diet: Herbivore

Conservation status: Data Deficient

Lifespan: 4-6 years

Weight: 250-320 grams

Scientific name: *Laonastes aenigmamus*

Did you know?

- The Laotian Rock Rat was first discovered in a local food market before its scientific identification, surprising researchers with its evolutionary s...
- The Laotian Rock Rat is considered a 'living fossil,' representing the only living member of its family, Diatomyidae. Its discovery bridged a gap in ...

What I learned
